

MLK @ Holly (Othello) Town Hall Meeting

May 9, 2009

Group 2

- Advance information on Neighborhood Plans, Status and agenda s neded
- Distribute agenda and information ahead of time
- Neighborhood Improvements to date – clear, concise and accomplished. Gaps to date.
- March meeting introduction not clearly presented
- Concern “UnSafeway” – major improvement poor selection
 - Safeway “preventing” better stores coming
- Want Fred Meyer type
- Need pharmacy, etc.
- Need welcoming space at shopping (Henderson)
- Need walkable shopping experience
- Red Apple/Beacon QFC/McClellan
 - Specialty, organic foods
- Walk Sealth Trail, Beacon
- Drive to Seward Park
- Othello Park unsafe to go into
 - Needs lighting and restrooms
- Won’t use Rainier at night
- Crime an overall issue – impacts “themes”
- Gang violence at Van Asselt – slow response
- Crossing MLK difficult
 - Divides neighborhood
- Light Rail Transit signal sequencing difficult
- Circulation at Graham/MLK awkward
- Want Light Rail Train Station at Graham
- Starbucks drive in only because of crime
- Keep Bus 42 – seniors to downtown

Town Center

- Microsoft Learning Center
- More professionals/market rate housing
- Security at Van Asselt!!
 - Police Response
- Safety-More Business-More density
- African American employment
- “The Green Valley” sustainability jobs
- Population growth – slow, organic
- Build advocacy group for better supermarket – John Owen
- Superstore with apartments above
- Uwajimaya option – Susanne
- Movie house

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- Farmer's Market
- Fitness Gym
- Full Scale Branch Library
 - Head start program/Early
- Constructive youth programming
- Better pedestrian connections along Othello between MLK & Rainier.